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REP. JACKSON DISAPPOINTED WITH BUDGET NEGOTIATIONS

Huge cuts expected to vital safety net programs.

Congressman Jesse L. Jackson, Jr. issued the following statement regarding the FY 2011 budget negotiations:

"I am pleased that the federal government will not shut down, but I am deeply disappointed in the process that has brought us to this point. During this historical economic downturn with record levels of unemployment, Republican leaders in the House, Democratic leaders in the Senate and President Obama are keeping the government open on the backs of the poor and disenfranchised.

"The people paying the \$39 billion price tag to keep the government open did nothing to cause the economic predicament in which we find ourselves. Yet the very people who negotiated tonight's deal are the same people who rewarded the most fortunate in our society with over \$800 billion in tax cuts last December. The \$39 billion in cuts is nothing to cheer, it is a pyrrhic victory that will have real consequences. While I have not seen the final bill, I am worried that we will see cuts to WIC, cuts to Community Health Centers, cuts to LIHEAP, cuts to international disaster assistance, cuts to Head Start and cuts to Pell Grants."

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